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BIOGRAPHY is allowed to be a moſt uſeful Branch of Hiſtory, ſince it is eaſily reduc'd to Practice. We ſee Things in the Lives of the greateſt Men, that may happen to the meaneſt Reader: And as it is their Behaviour in thoſe Points, in which alone ourſelves can enter the Compariſon, we are thence naturally the more inquiſitive about them. Miſery, Pain and Misfortune, are the common Lot of Mankind; and in what manner they have ſuffered them, takes up the moſt inſtructive Pages of the Hiſtories of *Heroes*. For my Part, I approve the Sort of *Minor Hiſtorians*, who (in Papers like this) entertain the World with what paſſes in the middle State of Life; which, tho' leſs ſhining, are yet as improving as the former: Battles, Sieges, Negociations, fill moſt of th'firſt Sort of Writings; yet are things whence 9 Readers in 10 can reap no Advantage but Amuſement: Whereas the lower Claſs of Hiſtorians, do, from Inſtances, inculcate ſuch Maxims as may daily, and almoſt by every Reader, be drawn into Practice. Few on this Stage of Life need ſtudy, how to act as a Monarch, General, or Stateſman; but as ſome one or other of the inferior Characters of Life, muſt neceſſarly fall to every One's Share, it becomes us to learn how to perform it: Nor is there any Method of acquiring that Knowledge ſo eaſy, as by reflecting on the Miſtakes of Others, to avoid falling into the like Ourſelves.

I intend this grave Introduction, by way of Atonement for the following leſs ſerious Relation, hoping, as it contains Incidents that oft happen in human Life, my Readers will think it an Apology for preſenting them with the

Hiſtory of Beau BRONZE *the Fortune-hunter.*

THis Gentleman, at the Time of the Adventures I am to relate, was, as he ſaid, about 30 Years old, tho' his Pariſh Regiſter made him 42. He had originally about 200 *L.* a-year, which by the time he was 25, he had mortgaged for 6000 *L.* Coming very early to the Conduct of his own Affairs, he quitted the *Univerſity* for *London*; where having run thro' all the *Vices*, or (to ſpeak in a more genteel Phraſe) the *Pleaſures* of the Town, a few Years reduc'd him to the State of moſt *polite Sparks*, that is, a *broken Eſtate* and a *broken Conſtitution*. Having, while a Youth, loſt Part of his Eſtate, like a *Bubble*, at Play; he was now reduc'd to the picking up a precarious Subſiſtence, as a *Sharper*: Which proving but a very poor Employment, he thought of a new Scheme of Life, in which his natural Vanity might aſſure him of Succeſs, *viz.* to marry a *Fortune*, and like *Æſop*'s Beau, to ſettle his *Perſon* on the Lady, and his *Pox* on her Heirs for ever. Nor was this impracticable, ſince he was furniſhed with certain Qualifications which render a Man agreeable to too many of the Fair Sex; that is, many Words, a pert Addreſs, and a conſummate Aſſurance.

Among the many Fair Ones then, whom *Bronze* made Addreſſes to, was *Ethelinda*, a young Lady about 16, who had in ready Money 6000 *L.* Having lived always with her Maiden Aunt in the Country, ſhe was tranſported with the *Diverſions* of *London*; yet having a good Share of Wit, with a tolerable Underſtanding, ſhe took care to preſerve her Virtue and Reputation unſpotted. With this Lady (wanting better Acquaintance in the World) our *Beau* ſucceeded in his Addreſſes; ſhe conſidered his Perſon, as it really was, far from diſagreeable, and flattered herſelf, ſhe ſhould be carried about in the fineſt Equipages; fancied alſo, from his admirable Talent at Diſſimulation, that he was violently in Love, ſo concluded, ſhe ſhould in *Bronze* meet the fondeſt Husband. As to Eſtate, the *Beau* viſited in a Chariot with 2 Footmen; and his Creditors took care, in hope of being paid when the Marriage ſucceeded, to ſupply him with every thing requiſite to keep up the Appearance of a *Fortune*.

Thus all went on with a promiſing Face, till the Arrival from the Univerſity of a Relation of *Ethelinda*'s, nam'd *Carlos*. He was about 23, had good Senſe, Learning, and a polite Behaviour, without any Defect but too much *Modeſty*; and tho' he was ſenſible of his Couſin's Pre-engagement, found it im-

impoſſible to ſee her without falling paſſionately in Love. Lovers Eyes are quick; ſo *Carlos* ſoon came to know (from a Sharper, *Bronze*'s Acquaintance) the *Beau*'s Character and Circumſtances, whereof he acquainted *Ethelinda*; who was ſo far from crediting the ſame, that ſhe never mentioned it even to *Bronze*, or ſuffered the leaſt Enquiry to be made about it. *Carlos* perceiving this ill Succeſs, and hearing the Day of the Marriage fix'd, in Chagrin, went to a Country Seat of his Aunt, unwilling to be a Spectator of what might prove Ruin to Both.

The Melancholly which hung about him here, was ſoon noticed by the old Lady; and as Love is a Thing ſeldom even out of the old Womens Heads, ſhe at once gueſs'd. *Carlos* ſoon confeſs'd the Fact, and having told the Story: Alas *Carlos*, replied ſhe, have you ſo little Reſolution and Contrivance as to quit your Miſtreſs ſo eaſily? Take Courage, Man, tho' you have been inſucceſsful in making *her* part with that Fellow, my Life for't, I'll fall on a Way to make *him* abandon the Lady. You know my old Nurſe, ſhe is about my Age, and not unlike me; I will ſend her to Town to my own Lodgings to-Morrow, and leave you to complete a Scheme I will ſend you. *Carlos* reviv'd with this Project, ſet about it. Nurſe, properly equipp'd and inſtructed, came to Town, and aſſuming her Lady's Name, paſs'd for a Widow of 40,000 *L.* *Carlos*, by means of the Sharper from whom he had *Bronze*'s Character, informed the *Beau* of a Lady of 70, immenſly rich, who had faln in Love with him. *Bronze*'s natural Vanity, and Opinion of himſelf, made him eaſily caught; and pretending to *Ethelinda* that a Relation of his was dead in the Country, and left him his Heir, and that he behoved to go to Country 2 or 3 Days, to look after his Effects. This Time he employed in making his Addreſſes to the Widow; and as Things were previouſly ſo concerted, that he might meet no Difficulty but what was abſolutely requiſite to prevent Suſpicion, they were married the third Day. The Night before he wrote the following Letter to *Ethelinda*.

Dear Madam,

TO prevent the Surprize of my ſo ſudden Marriage making too great Impreſſion on your Spirit; I thought proper to acquaint you with it myſelf. Before this reaches your Hands, I ſhall be the Huſband of Widow *Thriſty*, a Fortune of 40,000 *L.* and above 70 Years. This may convince you Love had no Hand in this Match. I hope you've more good Senſe than to mind *Forms* and *Ceremonies*. You may be ſure I'll ſtay no longer with the Hag, than is neceſſary to get Poſſeſſion of her Money; I will then pack old *Forehead-Cloth* to a Country Farmer's, and 40 *L.* a-year ſhall maintain her there, while you and I, *My Dear*, ſpend her Thouſands in Splendour.

I am, in Haſte, Yours faithfully. E. BRONZE.

Carlos came ſeaſonably to ſee her after receiving this Letter; and by letting her into the Secret, not only leſſened her Concern at this Accident, but inſpired her with Joy at reflecting on the Danger ſhe had eſcap'd, and filled her with the moſt favourable Opinion of her kind Deliverer. *Bronze* too was undeceived next Day by his Wife's Elopment, having firſt ſecur'd 400 *L.* worth of Jewels, (given her the Night before) which his Creditors had furniſh'd to be preſented to *Ethelinda*. This obliged the *Beau* to quit the Kingdom, and repair to *Cambray*, with what Money he could ſcrape together; where the *Congreſs* then ſitting, he might by High Play mend his Fortune. *Carlos* and *Ethelinda* paſſed the Summer at their *Aunt*'s, and about two Months after they were married, and have ever ſince lived very happily together.

Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, Oct. 6.

Since our laſt arriv'd a Mail from Holland, one from France, and one from Flanders.

HAD the South Sea Company's Ship *Prince William*, and their Snow *Don Philip*, commanded by two Brothers named Cleland, been in the Downs about 8 or 10 Days ago, when the Wind turned Eaſterly, they might probably have arrived at Portobello before the Fair ended, ſince it does not begin there till the latter End of October, and uſually holds ſix Weeks; but to the great Grief of the Company, theſe Ships have loſt that favourable Opportunity, having been ſince that Time detained in the Hope, by the Continuance of the Eaſt-winds, which tho' it was exceeding fair for them in the Downs, is as directly contrary in the Place where they now are.

As to what has been reported of new Propoſals having been advanced for a general Accommodation, the Letters from the Hague by the Holland Mail ſay, great Streſs was laid there upon the favourable Proſpect of the approaching Congreſs at Paris; and thoſe from Vienna mention, that many extraordinary Expreſſes had been ſent of late to divers Courts: Mean while they write from Ratisbon

of the 5th Inſtant, that the Emperor's Miniſters were as poſitive as ever, that his Imperial Majeſty will never admit of the Propoſals made by the Allies of Seville in favour of Don Carlos; ſo that Affairs are not altogether in ſuch a Situation, as to be able to form a true Judgment of them; however, it is written in private Letters from Leghorn by the above Mail, that they were now in as great Tranquillity there as ever, on Account of their Expectations of Peace by the Mediation of the Pope, to whom they confidently affirm the Difference betwixt the Emperor and Spain are referred.

Yeſterday his Excellency Robert Johnſon Eqr; ſet out for Portſmouth, to embark on board the *Fox* Man of War, for his Goverment of South Carolina; the ſame Day came Advice, that the *Wyndham*, Capt. Lyle, from India, was arrived off the Lizard. The ſame Day the Earl Cowper went to Ockham, to wait on the Lord Chancellor, who is one of his Guardians.

The Rev. Mr. Harris is preſented to the Rectory of Portland in the County of Dorſet.

We are informed from Briſtol, of the 3d Inſtant, that by the Invitation of Peter Day Eſq; one of the Aldermen of that City, the Rt. Hon. the Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, with others of eminent Diſtinction, had made him a Viſit from Bath; and in Company with the Biſhop and Dean, and ſome of the Chapter, dined laſt Friday at the ſaid Alderman's, in the Room where the Princeſs Amelia was formerly, at an elegant Entertainment. They were uſhered into the City by ringing of Bells, &c. and the next Day they returned to Bath after ſeeing ſeveral Parts of the ſaid City.

To day John Salter Eſq; the new elected Alderman of Cornhill Ward, was ſworn into the Court of Alderman, and took his Place accordingly; and the 12 Bells of St. Michael's ringing on that Account, he gave the Ringers 12 Guineas to drink.

We hear that the Rectory of St. George the Martyr, and one of the 50 new Churches near Queenſquare, which Pariſh was taken out of that of St. Andrew's, Holburn, after the Deceaſe of Dr. Sacheverel, being in the Gift of the Duke of Montague, will be given to the Rev. Mr. Barton, Brother to Dr. Barton.

One of his Majeſty's Meſſengers was diſpatched laſt Saturday to the Earl of Cheſterfield at the Hague, on ſome extraordinary Affairs.

'Tis reported that in a Council of War lately held at Berlin, ſomething had paſt therein of ſuch a high Nature, as we ſhall not preſume to mention without Authority.

Some of the moſt curious Artiſts in Iron Works are employed in making Rails, Gates and other Ornaments for a new Palace and Monaſtery, which the King of Portugal is building near Lisbon.

From the London Gazette, Oct. 6.

Windſor Caſtle, Oct. 5. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to nominate and appoint Sir Walter Yonge, Sir John Stanley, Barts. Thomas Walker Eſq; Sir Charles Peers Kt. Sir John Evelyn, Sir James Campbell, Barts. Humphrey Brent, John Campbell, Brian Fairfax, Henry Hale, George Drummond, John Hill, and Gwynn Vaughan, Eſqs. together with George Roſs Eſq; in the Room of Alan Broderick Eſq; (no Viſcount Middleton) to be his Majeſty's Commiſſioners for the Management of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms and other Duties in Great Britain.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint Gilbert Burnet, Henry Robinſon, Richard Dowdeſwell, and Thomas Cochran, Eſqs. together with Richard Somers Eſq; in the Room of George Roſs Eſq; to be his Majeſty's Commiſſioners for the Receipt and Management of the Revenues of Exciſe in Scotland.

From the Evening Poſts, Oct. 6.

Vienna, Sept. 20. 'Tis reported here, That the Prince of Portugal will command the 30,000 Moſcovites that are to enter into the Emperor's Service, and that they are to march for Hungary: The latter Part of this News may be true; but 'tis not likely the Czarina will give the Command of theſe Troops to a Foreign Prince who is in th'Emperor's Service. An Expreſs is arrived here from Count Zinzendorf at the Hague, about the Affair of Eaſt Frieſland.

Paris, Oct. 11. Letters from Pruſſia bring Advice that the King had held a great Council of War upon the Depoſitions made by his Royal Highneſs, before the Commiſſioners his Majeſty had appointed over him; which were in effect, That he was reſolved to go over to the Court of G. Britain.

Letters from Rome of the 23d paſt ſay, that on the 16th the Chevalier de St. George and his two Sons had Audience of the Pope, who preſented each of the Sons with a Shrine, or Box for holding Relicks, one ſet with Diamonds, and the other with Rubies; and that the 17th the Pope began the Proceſſion on Foot for opening the Jubilee, attended by all the Prelates, Princes, Foreign Miniſters, &c.

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Hague, *Oct.* 11. The Affair of East-Friesland still gives their H. Mightinesses a vast Trouble, and occasions frequent Conferences not only with th'Earl of Chesterfield and Mr. De la Baume, but also with Count Zinzendorf, to whom they are continually complaining. The last Imperial Resolution Aug. 30, tho' very favourable, does not satisfy; but the Magistrates of Embden in particular complain heavily of a Letter sent them by the Aulic Council of the Empire, admonishing them to submit without Reserve to th'Imperial Decree, and threatning 'em with the utmost Rigour in case of Non-compliance. The Magistrates of Embden have sent that Letter to their H. Mightinesses.

Since the Return of the Clergyman to Viana, 12 Persons have been publickly execute at Leward in Friseland for the unnatural Sin of Sodomy; and last Friday the Provost of the Cathedral of Utrecht was execute for the same, but privately, at the Intercession of his Friends. As several who have suffered have accused many others, Yesterday was held a Council on that Occasion; and as two Persons have absented themselves, strict Inquiry is ordered after the others accused.

There has been great Caballing at Paris against Cardinal Fleury, in favours of the Duke of Maine, but the same being early discovered, the King has discountenanced the Chiefs of the Confederacy; among others, he has dispossessed the Duke de Gesvres of his Government and all the Places he held; the Duke d'Espernon and the Countess de Thoulouse, and other Nobles, are forbid the Court.

There is much Talk here of a Project of Accommodation between the Emperor, Great Britain and this State.

The Duke of Mecklemburg continues darting his Thunderbolts against the Troops of Execution, composed of Hanoverians and Wolfembuttlers. This Conduct of his Highness is like to cut out new Work for the Dyet upon that old Affair; but if he does not consider better of it, and take other Measures, he will certainly receive a heavy Blow, but of which, tho' admonished, he will not believe, till he feels the Effects.

Dublin, *Sept.* 26. This Week a Barber's Wife on Lazer's Hill, enraged with Jealousy of her Husband, took the Opportunity when he was drunk, and bit him in the Testicles so outrageously, that his Life is despaired of.

London, *Oct.* 6. Her Grace the Dutchess Dowager of Monmouth is very much indisposed at her House in Pall Mall, and is attended by several Physicians.

The Duke de Riperda, who has been some time here Incog. had last Day an Audience of his Majesty, introduced by the Duke of Newcastle.

We hear that Mr. Rysbrack has Orders to erect a Monument in Westminster Abbey, to the Memory of the Marquis of Annandale, interr'd the 26 ult.

The Court comes directly from Windsor to St. James's the 15th Inst.

The King has ordered the several Estates in Middlesex, Westmorland and Lancashire, with divers Goods and Chattels that belonged to Colonel Chartris, seized by the Crown on his late Conviction of Felony, to be restored to him.

We hear there will be a new Governor sent over to the Island of Jersey.

Edinburgh, *Oct.* 12. Last Week the Dukes of Hamilton and Roxburgh came to Town from their Graces Country Seats.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Coronation, the same was proclaimed by the Great Guns from the Castle, where at Night there was a Bonfire.

Tomorrow (the 13th Day of the Moon) 'tis High Water at *Leith*, at 12 o' Clock, 39 Min. Wednesday at 1, 27 Min. Thursday at 2, 15 Min.

It is Full Moon Wednesday at 11 at Night.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

☙ That some Time in the Month of September 1729. there were two Pieces of Bed-hangings given in to the Master of the *Margaret of Perth*, to be carried to London to be Dy'd; which being now Dy'd and return'd, were never yet call'd for: Whoever can claim the same, giving the true Marks, may call at the Post-office of Perth; with Certification, That if it is not called for in Three Months after this Date, it will be disposed of.

☙ That the *Chirurgeons Bagnio* will be shut up from the 17th Instant, till the First of November next: When it is to be again opened, right and in good Order.

☙ The Honourable Company of HUNTERS are to have their Annual Meeting at Haddingtoun on the 14th of October Inst. Where, 'tis expected, the Companions of the Order will attend: And those who keep Hounds within 24 Miles of the said Place, are desir'd to have 'em there before the said 14th of October, being the 2d Wednesday of the Month.

This by Order of the Preses and Council.

DAVID BAIRD Cashier.

N. B. The Town of Hadington is to give the Honourable Company of Hunters a Silver Plate L. 20 Value. The Articles and Day of running will be insert in the Thursday's Mercury.